



Deputy Minister Meeting – February 10, 2022

Date created: February 10, 2022

Title: Freedom Convoy 2022

Issue: Border impacts at ports of entry (POE) as result of protest activity, changes in volumes, redirecting of traffic and commercial vehicles, and any impacts to our ability to clear goods and maintain uninterrupted supply chains

Speaking Points:

- COVID Mandate protests at or in close proximity to POEs are occurring and may continue or spread depending on the momentum of the Freedom Convoy 2022 movement.
- Overall threat level for Canada's POEs remains low, though the Agency is prepared to respond, in concert with law enforcement partners, if the threat environment changes.
- We have already seen impacts to our POEs in the Prairie Region (Coutts, AB and Emerson, MB), and in the Southern Ontario Region (SOR). These events are on-going.
- At Ambassador Bridge (Windsor, ON), the Bridge remains closed to inbound (to Canada) traffic. Employees are able to report to work, alternate routes are being recommended if necessary.
- At the Windsor Detroit Tunnel, there has been a significant increase in commercial trucks; bobtail tractors, car haulers, and covered trucks are also in the vicinity of the Tunnel. No traffic delays are reported at the Windsor Tunnel.
- The Blue Water Bridge (Sarnia, ON) continues to receive heavy car and truck traffic diverting from Windsor. The current border wait time for trucks entering Canada is 3 hours.
- Other SOR POEs have been impacted by these demonstration activities and the redirection of commercial traffic, including the Peace Bridge POE (Fort Erie, ON), which reported about 2 hours wait for commercial trucks on the evening of February 9, 2022. The border wait time for commercial trucks as of 09:00 ET is 8 minutes.
- At Coutts, AB, the blockage of the highway north of the Coutts POE continues.
- A blockage has closed the highway north of the POE at Emerson, MB. As of 06:05 ET, a protest blockade is in place approximately 1.5 kilometres north of the POE halting both north and south bound traffic. Staff are still able to arrive and depart on secondary roads. Traffic is diverting to Sprague, MB and Boissevain, MB (both are 24/7 POEs).

- At the Ottawa International Airport (YOW), Transport Canada advises of a slow roll convoy circling the departures and arrivals lanes. Police are on site. At this time there are no impacts to operations and no plans to engage with the protestors. No impact to CBSA operations.
- The CBSA will continue to report on border impacts and will coordinate with public safety and law enforcement partners on potential responses. The Agency has also made preparations for redeployment of resources, as needed.
- Participating in lawful protests, in and of itself, is not grounds to deny individuals entry into Canada and there is no legal authority to refuse entry to a foreign national solely for seeking to participate in a peaceful protest.
- Border services officers (BSO) at primary encountering foreign nationals entering Canada for the purposes of participating in protests have been instructed to refer such persons to secondary for confirmation of their eligibility to enter Canada. BSOs have also been instructed to exercise enhanced vigilance and closely examine travellers to ensure the requirements issued by the Public Health Agency of Canada under the *Quarantine Act* are met and individuals are seeking to enter Canada for a lawful purpose.
- BSOs have no authority to conduct an arrest in relation to a domestic event, occurring outside of the confines of POEs. This means that the CBSA does not intervene in demonstration activities occurring outside of POE property and will refer such matters to local law enforcement agencies for response.
- The CBSA has contingency plans in place and works closely with our law enforcement partners to respond to activities or events that may impact POE operations, including POE closures.
- Overall commercial truck volumes are down approximately 11% from same seven day period last year.
- The Agency continues to engage with members of the Border Commercial Consultative Committee and industry (e.g., Canadian Trucking Alliance) to share information as we are able, and to facilitate border clearances.
- We are currently examining some modifications to commercial processes to ensure that as trucks and goods are rerouted they can move smoothly through different POEs.
- Contact with Other Government Department partners (Industry Canada and Innovation Science and Economic Development Canada), as well as more traditional partners is underway to better understand impacts on supply chain and potential impacts in the health and agriculture areas.

Background:

On January 15, 2022, Order in Council (OIC) changes came into effect requiring mandatory vaccination for commercial truck drivers crossing the border. In response to this, large protests took place in the Ottawa area during the weekend of January 28 - 30, 2022 and are ongoing. Protests and demonstrations spread to other cities in Canada on the weekend of February 4 – 6, 2022, including at Queens Park in Toronto and Quebec City. There is no indication, however, that there was any noticeable cross-border activity of foreign nationals seeking to enter Canada from the US to participate in such demonstrations.

Protests at or near POEs are occurring and may continue or spread depending on the momentum of the Freedom Convoy 2022 movement and, likely, the Government of Canada's response.

Participating in lawful protests, in and of itself, is not grounds to deny individuals entry into Canada and there is no legal authority to refuse entry to a foreign national solely for seeking to participate in a peaceful protest.

BSOs at primary encountering foreign nationals entering Canada for the purposes of participating in protests have been instructed to refer such persons to secondary for confirmation of their eligibility to enter Canada.

BSOs have also been instructed to exercise enhanced vigilance and closely examine travellers to ensure *Quarantine Act* requirements are met and individuals are seeking to enter Canada for a lawful purpose. Direction and guidance to this effect was issued by the CBSA's Operational Guidance Division on January 28, 2022. The guidance also reminded frontline operations of the relevant policies and procedures.

When conducting their duties at POEs, BSOs have regulatory authorities under a number of acts of Parliament, primarily the *Customs Act*, the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* (IRPA) and the *Quarantine Act*.

Using such regulatory authorities, officers would refuse entry to foreign nationals who are inadmissible pursuant to IRPA. For example, foreign nationals who have a criminal history would be found criminally inadmissible to Canada and, in most cases, would return to the US immediately following their POE examination. Persons who intend to participate in unlawful domestic activities may also be found inadmissible at the POE if they misrepresent their true purpose of travel to the CBSA.

BSOs can also use their regulatory authorities under the *Customs Act* to identify and examine persons of interest and their goods, regardless of their country of citizenship. This would give officers authorities to examine goods, including conveyances (e.g., vehicles) crossing the border.

CBSA officers also have regulatory authorities to administer the current OICs made pursuant to section 58 of the *Quarantine Act*. The OICs prohibit all non-exempted foreign nationals from entry to Canada if they do not meet the definition of fully vaccinated persons, which includes requirements to undergo suitable pre-arrival COVID-19 testing, and, in many cases, on-arrival or in-Canada testing. Foreign nationals entering from the US who are so prohibited from entry pursuant to the OICs are immediately Directed Back to the US.

In addition to the above regulatory authorities, CBSA officers also have arrest authorities under the various Acts they administer, including the *Customs Act*, IRPA and *Criminal Code of Canada*.

However, BSOs have no authority to conduct an arrest in relation to a domestic event, occurring outside of the confines of POEs. This means that the CBSA does not intervene in demonstration activities occurring outside of POE property and will refer such matters to local law enforcement agencies for response.

Current/On-going Operational Impact:

Coutts, AB

As of February 10, 2022, the blockage of the highway north of the Coutts POE continues. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police believe it will not be resolved by negotiation.

Emerson, MB

As of February 10, 2022, as of 06:05 ET, a protest blockade is in place approximately 1.5 kilometers north of the POE halting both north and south bound traffic. Staff are still able to arrive and depart on secondary roads. Traffic is diverting to Sprague, MB and Boissevain, MB (both are 24/7 POEs).

Windsor, ON

On the evening of February 7, 2022 the SOR activated part of their contingency plans due to protest activity occurring near POEs in the Windsor area.

As of February 10, 2022, the Ambassador Bridge remains closed to inbound (to Canada) traffic. Protestors associated with Freedom Convoy have continued their blockade on city streets around Ambassador Bridge. All entrances from the Canadian side onto the Ambassador Bridge that enter the US are now inaccessible as the streets feeding the entrances within Windsor, ON are now blocked. Employees are able to report to work, alternate routes are being recommended if necessary.

At the Windsor Detroit Tunnel, there has been a significant increase in commercial traffic; bobtail tractors, car haulers, and covered trucks are also in the vicinity of the Tunnel. Some importers (auto sector) are planning to move "critical just in time production goods" through the Windsor Tunnel. The height of the tunnel cannot accommodate conventional tractor-trailer units.

Windsor Police Service (WPS) have stationed an officer at the Tunnel entrance and exit to monitor for protest activity. No traffic delays are reported at the Windsor Tunnel.

On February 9, the WPS made one arrest for Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle when a protestor attempted to drive a vehicle past the police barricade.

Sarnia, ON (Blue Water Bridge)

As of February 10, 2022, the Sarnia Blue Water Bridge continues to receive heavy car and truck traffic diverting from Windsor. The current border wait time for trucks entering Canada is 3 hours. There is no delay for US-bound traffic.

As of 08:30 ET, the 402 Hwy continues to be closed 30km to the east of Sarnia at Nauvoo Road due to the presence of protestors from yesterday. Transport trucks are being rerouted off the 402 at Watford Rd by the Ontario Provincial Police.

Fort Erie, ON (Peace Bridge)

The Peace Bridge is receiving diversions of trucks from Windsor and Sarnia. As of 09:00 ET, the border wait time for commercial trucks is 8 minutes.

Ottawa Airport, Ottawa ON

As of 0905 ET on February 10, 2022, Transport Canada advises of a slow roll convoy circling the departures and arrivals lanes at the Ottawa International Airport (YOW). Police are on site. At this time there are no impacts to operations and no plans to engage with the protestors. No impact to CBSA operations.

Remaining activities nationally are not impacting POE operations.

Since January 28, 2022 the CBSA has monitored cross border movements of persons entering Canada for the purpose of participating in demonstration activities. Below is an overview of interceptions reported by POEs.

US Protestors Identified at POEs (reports received from CBSA POEs regarding Enhanced Vigilance Examinations of potential protestors)

POE	Vehicle #	Enhanced vigilance exams (PAX #)	Direct Back	Allowed to Leave	Granted Entry	Comments
Pac Hwy Traffic, PAC	2	3	3	0		Wrong turns attempting to protest at Peace Arch Park.
Douglas, PAC	10	21	18	3		Wrong turns attempting to protest at Peace Arch Park.
Lansdowne, NOR	1	2			2	Journalists looking to document the protests in Ottawa. Provided necessary credentials and had equipment consistent with their stated purpose of travel.
Prescott, NOR	1	1			1	Unvaccinated Cdn citizen/US resident has been directed to quarantine by CBSA and PHAC.
Sault Ste. Marie, NOR	2	2	1			US citizen attempting to join protest in Ottawa. Cdn citizen expressing extremist views refused to comply with COVID entry requirements and ran the port.
Total	16	29	22	3	3	

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PROTECTED B
2022/2/10 13:00h

- Ongoing Blockade of CBSA Port of Entry – Travellers and Commercial Goods
- Ongoing Protest in Proximity to CBSA Port of Entry – No Impact
- Planned Protest in Proximity to CBSA Port of Entry
- CBSA Port of Entry – Designated Commercial Office – Not Currently Impacted

CBSA Designated Commercial Offices (Land)

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| 1. Pacific Highway Commercial | 7. Fort Erie (Peace Bridge) |
| 2. Coutts | 8. Queenston |
| 3. North Portal | 9. Lansdowne |
| 4. Emerson | 10. St-Bernard-de-Lacolle |
| 5. Sarnia (Blue Water) | 11. Woodstock |
| 6. Windsor (Ambassador) | |



Update as of 2022-02-10 08:30 ET

New information in red below.

Bottom line/Summary:

Ambassador Bridge:

- The Ambassador Bridge remains closed to inbound (to Canada) traffic. Protestors associated with Freedom Convoy have continued their blockade on city streets around Ambassador Bridge. Actual protest activity has diminished, however, protestors continue to block US-bound vehicles using the Wyandotte/Patricia intersection.
- Employees are able to report to work, alternate routes are being recommended if necessary.
- Windsor Detroit Tunnel: Significant increase in bobtail tractors, car haulers, and covered trucks in the vicinity of the tunnel. Some importers (auto sector) are planning to move critical just in time production goods through the Windsor Tunnel using cube vans and flat bed trucks. The height of the tunnel cannot accommodate conventional tractor-trailer units.
- WPS have stationed an officer at the Tunnel entrance and exit to monitor for protest activity.
- No traffic delays are reported at the Windsor Tunnel

Sarnia Blue Water Bridge:

- The Sarnia Blue Water Bridge continues to receive heavy car and truck traffic diverting from Windsor. The current border wait time for trucks entering Canada is 3 hrs. There is no delay for US-bound traffic.
- As of 08:30, the 402 Hwy continues to be closed 30km to the east of Sarnia at Nauvoo Road due to the presence of protestors from yesterday. Transport trucks are being rerouted off the 402 at Watford Rd by the OPP.

Fort Erie Peace Bridge:

- IEOD is monitoring emerging information that a convoy will move from Stoney Creek Ontario to the Peace Bridge on Saturday February 12th. Arrival at Peace Bridge could be as early as 1000 EST Feb 12, 2022. Information suggests that protests will take place in Buffalo, New York near the Peace Bridge on February 11 and 12. This information is still in development. IEOD is actively monitoring and this alert will be updated as new information is developed.
- The Peace Bridge is receiving diversions of trucks from Windsor and Sarnia. As of 0750ET, the border wait time for commercial trucks is 1 minute.

Emerson:

- As of 0605 ET, there is no change: a protest blockade is in place approximately 1.5 kilometers north of the POE halting both north and south bound traffic. Staff are still able to arrive and depart on secondary roads. Traffic is diverting to Sprague MB and Boissevain MB (both are 24/7 POEs).

Coutts:

- The blockage of the highway north of the Coutts POE continues, RCMP believe it will not be resolved by negotiation.

Lacolle

- A protested event is planned for February 12, 2022 at the Lacolle Port of Entry is currently being organized via social media.

ONGOING	CONFIRMED	UNCONFIRMED
• Ottawa – Parliament Hill protest continues • Coutts – North and South bound traffic is flowing with one lane open in each direction and gates are open. Protestors continue to line the highway north of the POE. • Windsor Convoy for Freedom 2022 – Ambassador Bridge • Sarnia – Hwy402 blockade • Emerson – North and South bound traffic blockage north of POE • Pacific Highway (near POE)	• Ottawa – February 10, 2022, protests continue at Parliament Hill and downtown. Overseas: • New Zealand – protest activity in support of Canadian protests • France – Protest activity in support of Canadian protests (convoy to Belgium)	CANADA: • SOR Rail blockade - unconfirmed • Peace Bridge, SOR – February 12, 2022 • Montreal, QUE – February 12, 2022 (convoy to Ottawa) • Lacolle POE – February 12 • Woodstock / Houlton, ME – weekend of February 12 US: • Peace Bridge, NY – February 12, 2022 • Buffalo – February 11, 2022 • Port Huron / Sarnia – February 12, 2022 Overseas: • Brussels - Freedom Convoy Europe 2022 (Unconfirmed) • Australia- protest activity in support of Canadian protests

Enhanced vigilance examinations:

No new vigilance examinations reported

Intelligence Landscape

BLUF: As of February 9 at 1330 ET, the overall threat to CBSA officers and infrastructure is low.

Regional POE Impacts:

ATL:

- On February 9, 2022, ATL received information from RCMP of concerns of a potential blockade in Houlton, ME (Woodstock POE) this weekend, if trucks are denied entry into a planned demonstration in Fredericton.

Quebec:

- No impact to CBSA operations reported
- A facebook event organized for a manifestation at Lacolle Port of Entry on Saturday, February 12, 2022. The event is organized by a group called Freedom Canada.

NOR

- As of 0625 ET, Sault Ste. Marie POE reported one vehicle remains on International Bridge Authority (IBA) property with signs. Police and IBA have been advised.

GTA:

- No impact to CBSA operations reported

SOR:

- On February 9, 2022, at 2110 ET, it was reported that the Border Alert Service is currently unavailable. CBSA is unable to send public alerts for border closures or emergencies. Support groups have been engaged to restore service

Ambassador Bridge:

- Windsor Police made their first arrest, an adult male was arrested for driving in a “manner that is dangerous to public safety”.
- Unknown count of vehicles which have remained overnight. However, behaviour became more aggressive at the sight of Tow trucks arriving on scene.
- IAU are reviewing a live feed demonstration posted on YouTube.

Windsor Tunnel:

- As of 02:00 ET on Feb 10, 2022, no media present.

Blue Water Bridge:

- As of 02:00 ET on Feb 10, 2022, no media present.

Fort Erie (Peace Bridge)

- SOR reports that Information is emerging on the coordination of a convoy from Stoney Creek Ontario to the Peace Bridge on Saturday February 12th. The last stop before the POE is listed as the Husky Truck Stop in Niagara on the Lake. Departure from the Husky is listed as 9:30am. Likely arrival at Peace Bridge could be as early as 10 am Saturday, February 12, 2022.
- As of 07:30, CHCH News has set up near the POE and is filming.

PRA:**Emerson:**

- Feb 10, 2022, at 0605 ET, it was reported by Emerson port of entry (POE) that there is no change – a protest blockade is in place approximately 1.5 kilometers north of the POE halting both north and south bound traffic. Staff are still able to arrive and depart on secondary roads. CBSA officers at Emerson are turning northbound commercial vehicles around to the US and advising alternate POE's Boissevain and Sprague to enter Canada. US CBP is aware of the situation.

Coutts:

- As of 07:30: No new information

PAC:

- No impact to CBSA operations reported

Other from PS:

- Media reports Freedom-convoy-inspired protests in France and Belgium.
- <https://www.dw.com/en/france-freedom-convoy-copies-canada-trucker-protests/a-60720312>
Protesters in France began on Wednesday what they are calling the "freedom convoy," with the ultimate goal of converging around Paris and Brussels, to demand an end to COVID-19 restrictions.
- <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/2/10/move-on-new-zealand-police-break-up-wellington-trucker-protest> Inspired by the trucker demonstrations in Canada, protesters began blocking streets in the capital with trucks, cars and motorbikes on Tuesday, pitching their tents outside parliament. The activity is likely to continue for several days.

<i>Situational Report</i>
COVID-19 Mandate Protests Operational Impacts
February 10, 2022 – 10:30

Background

On January 15, 2022, an Order of Council (OIC) was put in place to mandate vaccinations for commercial truck drivers crossing the border. As a result, commercial truck drivers around the country have organized and started protesting outside port of entries (POEs) by blocking roads and slowing traffic, along with a convoy of commercial vehicles headed towards Ottawa to protest outside Parliament.

Bottom Line

Ambassador Bridge:

- The Ambassador Bridge remains closed to inbound (to Canada) traffic. Protestors associated with Freedom Convoy have continued their blockade on city streets around Ambassador Bridge.
- As of 10:02 ET, the protesters continue to block all the exits from the Ambassador Bridge coming into Canada. All entrances from the Canadian side onto the Ambassador Bridge that enter the US are now inaccessible as the streets feeding the entrances within Windsor, ON are now blocked.
- Employees are able to report to work, alternate routes are being recommended if necessary.
- Windsor Detroit Tunnel: Significant increase in commercial vehicle traffic. Some importers (auto sector) are planning to move critical "just in time" production goods through the Windsor Tunnel using cube vans and flat bed trucks. The height of the tunnel cannot accommodate conventional tractor-trailer units.
- WPS have stationed an officer at the Tunnel entrance and exit to monitor for protest activity.
- As of 0910 ET, no traffic delays are reported at the Windsor Tunnel

Sarnia Blue Water Bridge:

- The Sarnia Blue Water Bridge continues to receive heavy car and truck traffic diverting from Windsor.
- As of 08:30, the 402 Hwy (east and west lanes) remains closed 30km to the east of Sarnia at Nauvoo Road due to the presence of protestors from yesterday. Transport trucks are being rerouted off the 402 at Watford Rd by the OPP.
- As of 0413 ET, the border wait time for trucks entering Canada is 3 hrs. There is no delay for US-bound traffic.

Fort Erie Peace Bridge:

- IEOD is monitoring emerging information of a convoy from Stoney Creek, Ontario to the Peace Bridge on Saturday Feb 12th as early as 1000 EST. Information suggests that protests will take place in Buffalo, New York near the Peace Bridge on Feb 11 and 12. This information is still in development. IEOD is actively monitoring and this alert will be updated as new information is developed.
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- As of 0905 ET, Transport Canada advises of a slow roll convoy circling the departures and arrivals lanes at the Ottawa International Airport (YOW), Ont. Ottawa Police are on site. At this time there are no impacts to operations and no plans to engage with the protestors. No impact to CBSA operations.

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Upcoming protest events:

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Sault Ste. Marie, NOR	2	2	1			• U.S. citizen attempting to join protest in Ottawa. • Feb 5: Cdn citizen expressing extremist views refused to comply with COVID entry requirements and ran the port
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Atlantic Region

- On February 9, 2022, ATL received information from RCMP of a potential blockade in Houlton, ME this weekend, if trucks are denied entry into Fredericton for a demonstration planned there.

Quebec Region

- QUE region has received unconfirmed open source information of plans for protest activity at Lacolle POE on February 12, 2022.

Northern Ontario Region

- As of 0905 ET, At the Ottawa International Airport (YOW): Transport Canada reports that at approximately 07:58 ET, a Slow Roll Convoy of vehicles have been observed circling the departures and arrivals lanes. The Ottawa Police

Service (OPS) is on-site with additional resources. There are currently no impacts to YOW operations and there are no plans to engage with them unless they stop and block traffic. CBSA onsite advise that there is no impact to CBSA operations, and that a CBSA vehicle has been parked airside, to mitigate potential impact for Can Pass clearances.

- As of 0625 ET, Sault Ste. Marie POE reported one vehicle remains on International Bridge Authority (IBA) property with signs. Police and IBA have been advised.

Greater Toronto Area Region

- No impact to CBSA operations reported

Southern Ontario Region

Passage count week by week comparison (updated Feb 9, 2022 0900 ET)

SOR Traveller Count:

# Passages (Travellers)	2022-01-31	2022-02-01	2022-02-02	2022-02-07	2022-02-08	2022-02-09
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Windsor Ambassador Bridge Travellers	2216	2212	1203	760	21	21
Windsor Tunnel	2216	3386	1821	4428	4972	5497
Sarnia Blue Water Bridge Travellers	889	810	438	877	592	556
Fort Erie Traveller	1768	1489	1349	1657	2094	1252
Niagara Queenston Bridge Travellers	1059	1420	612	1239	609	666
Rainbow Bridge Traveller	625	440	412	542	490	591
Traveller Total	8773	9757	5835	9503	8778	8583
Difference				8%	-10%	47%
				730	-979	2748

SOR Commercial Truck Count:

# Passages (Commercial Drivers)	2022-01-31	2022-02-01	2022-02-02	2022-02-07	2022-02-08	2022-02-09
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Windsor Ambassador Bridge Commercial	3804	5216	4410	1855	6	0
Sarnia Blue Water Bridge Commercial	2238	2956	2179	2817	5184	5615
Fort Erie Commercial	1297	1823	1728	1391	1320	2378
Niagara Queenston Commercial	1194	657	1317	717	1412	1969
Commercial Driver Total	8533	10652	9634	6780	7922	9962
Difference				-21%	-26%	3%
				-1753	-2730	328

Industry:

- Feb 9, 2022, A Teleconference was held between Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) Travellers Branch, Commercial and Trade Branch. ISED informed that impacts are being felt by supply chains mostly in the automotive, steel and aluminum sectors but that they have done some outreach to the food & produce as well as Aerospace and Defense sectors. There are already some plant shutdowns due to lack of supplies. A federal stakeholder call will be organized for next week, which will include ISED, ESDC, AAFC and TC, in addition to CBSA.

HQ:

- On February 9, 2022, at 2110 ET, it was reported that the Border Alert Service is currently unavailable. CBSA is unable to send public alerts for border closures or emergencies. Support groups have been engaged with SSC to restore service.

Ambassador Bridge

- Windsor Police made their first arrest, for driving in a "manner that is dangerous to public safety".

- Unknown count of vehicles which have remained overnight. Behaviour became more aggressive at the sight of Tow trucks arriving on scene.
- IAU are reviewing a live feed demonstration posted on YouTube.

Winsdor Tunnel:

- As of 0900 ET, Tunnel remains open. There is higher volumes of traffic being rerouted there, including an increase in bobtail tractors, car haulers, and covered trucks, causing a brief 30 minute border wait time during commuter hour, which has since been cleared. Waiting on staffing assistance from the Ambassador Bridge to supplement staffing levels and open all PIL lanes.

Blue Water Bridge

- VIA Rail Police report the public inquiry line received a message that the Sarnia truck convoy is planning to block trains. All partners are investigating, credibility has not been established.

Fort Erie (Peace Bridge)

- SOR reports that Information is emerging on the coordination of a convoy from Stoney Creek Ontario to the Peace Bridge on Saturday February 12th. The last stop before the POE is listed as the Husky Truck Stop in Niagara on the Lake. Departure from the Husky is listed as 9:30am. Likely arrival at Peace Bridge could be as early as 10 am Saturday, February 12, 2022.
- As of 0900, CHCH News has set up near the POE and is filming.

Prairie Region

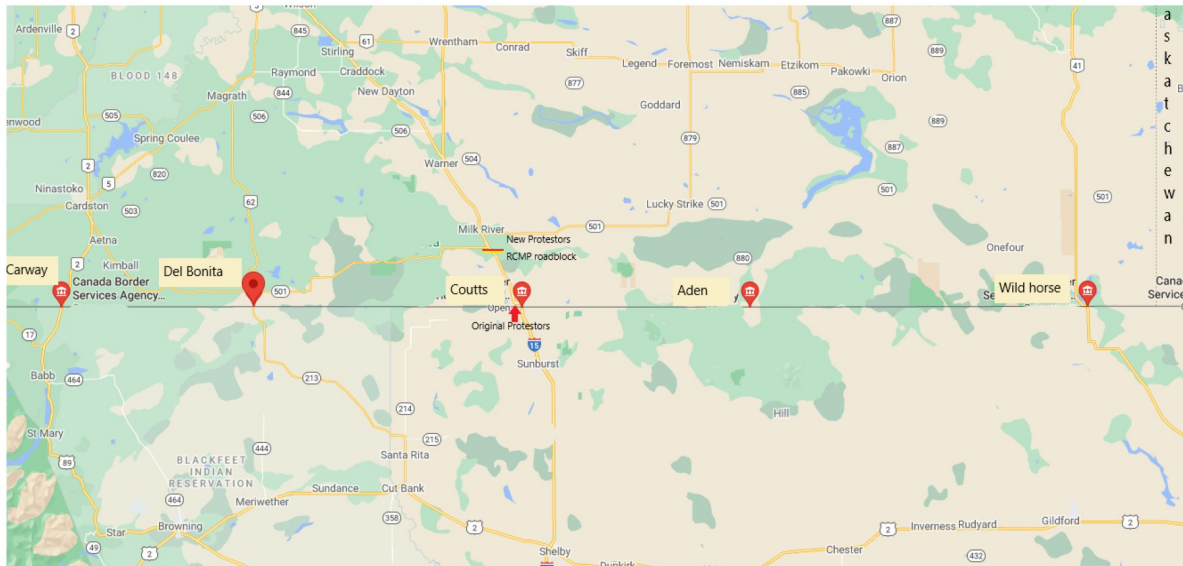
Traffic Volumes

# Passages (Persons)	2022-01-22	2022-01-23	2022-01-24	2022-01-25	2022-01-26	2022-01-27	2022-01-28	2022-01-29	2022-01-30	2022-01-31	2022-02-01	2022-02-02	2022-02-03	2022-02-04	2022-02-05	2022-02-06	2022-02-07	2022-02-08	2022-02-09
	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Coutts Travellers	234	253	188	251	177	232	286	202	22	20	11	8	44	74	68	180	164	119	23
Coutts Commercial*	397	372	361	349	479	568	519	262	23	0	0	0	72	121	150	177	208	179	0
Del Bonita	0	0	43	8	19	33	25	0	0	186	225	173	224	172	0	0	87	88	322
Carway	47	78	29	21	24	28	30	35	211	127	132	97	90	81	139	161	88	41	104
Aden	1	0	0	1	2	0	4	3	32	11	17	8	13	14	14	14	2	9	12
Other Commercial POEs																			
Regway	41	30	57	40	46	64	63	39	78	66	117	85	103	85	49	49	68	72	80
Roosville	72	150	105	70	143	146	146	99	271	223	167	169	187	155	131	226	135	115	175
North Portal Travellers	43	35	74	59	48	71	73	73	83	72	69	53	66	94	59	71	71	64	52
North Portal Commercial	335	258	205	290	316	393	377	334	280	223	268	458	426	305	322	351	281	330	460

Coutts

- As of 07:30: No new information

Road map locations of Carway, Coutts and Del Bonita POEs, AB:



Emerson:

- Feb 10, 2022, at 0605 ET, it was reported by Emerson port of entry (POE) that there is no change – a protest blockade is approximately 1.5 kilometers north of the POE, halting both north and south bound traffic. Staff are still able to arrive and depart on secondary roads.
- As of 0943 ET, PRA will be meeting with RCMP Site Commander for awareness of issues, such as movement of sensitive goods (live animals), diversion of traffic, expanded port hours, etc. PRA will also reach out to Cattleman's Association MB to discuss southbound movement of live animals. US CBP will continue to assist with diversion of northbound traffic to alternate ports. Communications is preparing messaging.

Pacific Region

- No impacts to CBSA operations reported

Intelligence and Enforcement

Intelligence Landscape (Updates in red)

BLUF: As of Feb 10, 2022 at 0830 ET, the overall threat to CBSA officers and infrastructure is low.

ANALYSIS:

General Threats

- **No change to posture.** According to the RCMP, no formal organized plot of violence has been identified. Factors such as the circulation of misinformation, exhaustion, substance abuse, altercations amongst protesters and with law enforcement and the influence of ideologically motivated actors or charismatic speakers may impact the temperature of the crowd. The potential for violence by a lone actor or fringe group cannot be discounted.
- **No update.** OPS intelligence advise of a Discord chat "World Freedom Information Hub" which mentions that "convoy to ottawa and convoy east" have a plan in place and are organizing a new convoy to Ottawa.
- **No Update.** VIA Rail Police reported that the following message was received on their public inquiry line. "Sarnia truck convoy is planning to put blocks on the train tracks to block trains. It's on the Sarnia Convoy for freedom 2022 FB page, posted by xxxx. They say they make most of their plans in person so I don't know all the details. They want to block the tracks and stop all transit". All partners are looking into this, at this time, no one has found anything to give this message any credibility. This may be a false flag.

- Unconfirmed partner reporting indicates the possibility of two protest convoys occurring in BC on February 12, 2022. At North Vancouver Island Convoy: Port McNeill Park – Port Hardy – Thunderbird Mall and Lower Mainland Convoy: Chilliwack (Lickman Exit) – TransCanada Highway W – Exit 53, Highway 15 – 176 South – 8th Ave and 176 Street.
- Unconfirmed partner reporting indicates the possibility of a protest convoy blockade in Houlton/Woodstock on February 12 and 13, 2022.

POE Threats

- An ongoing analysis of SRT reporting, OSINT, and limited partner intelligence indicates that there are no credible threats currently identified for any POE.
- On 10 February 2022, Bluewater Bridge (BWB) in Sarnia, ON as of 06:00 hrs heavy commercial traffic continues and is expected to increase throughout the day, there is a 180 minute Border Wait Time, in excess of 3 hours. There is no delay for US-bound traffic. All CBSA staff have been briefed of potential blockade and to use alternate routes when travelling to work .
- On February 10, 2022 as of 06:44 ET, protestors associated with Freedom Convoy have continued their blockade on city streets around Ambassador Bridge. Employees are able to report to work, alternate routes are being recommended if necessary. Protestors overwhelmed the Wyandotte/Patricia intersection where small amounts of US bound traffic were previously gaining access to the bridge. Trucks are now backed and have started spilling into neighbourhood streets, looking for a way out. Pedestrians are blocking vehicles from gaining access to the bridge. CBSA is reporting that Highway 402 remains closed at Nauvoo Road (Rd). The convoy is blockading the westbound 402 at Nauvoo Rd. Transport trucks are being rerouted off Highway 402 at Watford Rd by the OPP. Protester behaviour became more aggressive at the sight of Tow trucks arriving on scene. US CBP reports they've been doing Northbound checks (pre-port) and turning around some drivers. There's no documentation or stats from these encounters as it's pre-port.
- On February 10, 2022 as of 06:05 ET, at Emerson MB RCMP has notified us that a protest blockade is now in place. The blockade blocks both north and southbound traffic approximately 1.5 km's north of the POE. We are turning northbound commercial vehicles around to the US and advising alternate POE's Boiesvain and Sprague to enter Canada. US CBP is aware of the situation. Chief and Director are aware of the situation.
- On February 10 2022 as of 06:30 ET in Sault Ste. Marie One protester still set up. No activity.
- IEOD is continuing to monitor emerging information that a convoy will move from Stoney Creek Ontario to the Peace Bridge on Saturday February 12th. Likely arrival at Peace Bridge could be as early as 10 am Saturday. At this time, information suggests that protests will take place in Buffalo, New York near the Peace Bridge on February 11 and 12. Social media comments indicate that "Nothing will leave Canada" during the protest. This information is still in development. IEOD is actively monitoring and this alert will be updated as new information is developed.
- There is a Facebook page to organize a protest at Lacolle Port of Entry on Saturday, February 12, 2022. The event is organized by a group called Freedom Canada. To this date, there are 6 people going and 11 interested. The Freedom Canada Facebook group has 183 members.
- At approximately 07:58 ET, 10 February 2022, a high volume of vehicles forming a Slow Roll Convoy have been observed circling the departures and arrivals lanes at the Ottawa International Airport (YOW), ON. There are currently no impacts to operations and there are no plans to engage with them unless they stop and block traffic. The Ottawa Police Service (OPS) is currently on-site with additional resources.

Ideologically Motivated Violent Extremism (IMVE)

- **No update.** According to the RCMP, while chatter encouraging peaceful and lawful protest continues to circulate, concerns exist that protest events associated with the convoy could be exploited by individuals who engage in or promote actions that pose a risk to public and officer safety. To date there has been one reported POE encounter with an individual expressing extremist ideology. On Feb 5th, an individual ran the port at Sault Ste. Marie after expressing support for QAnon influencer **Personal Info.** has lifted all the mandates. The Trudeau Government has fallen and the Alliance is in charge. **Personal Info.** has told us to report anyone who enforcing these mandates." In 2021 **Perso.** supporters in Canada had hand delivered fake "cease and desist" orders to the Carson, Cascade, Paterson, Waneta, Nelway, Rykerts, & Kingsgate POEs. In 2021 **Perso.** urged her armed followers

to kill individuals involved in administering the COVID vaccination program and also any individuals who enforce government mandated COVID restrictions or requirements for vaccination.

Other Threats

- **Ongoing threat.** The size, unorganized potential and general distraction of some these POE protests continue to create conditions where both criminal actors and migrants may use the events to illegally cross the border into Canada. This may also include protesters who wish to join events on the Canadian side of the border, but do not want to report to Border Service Officers.

Communications

- As of February 9, 2022, Media Relations closed 17 media calls asking for an update/comment on the situation at Ambassador Bridge and three on the situation at Coutts.

Other Governmental Departments

- **Media reports** [DHS bulletin warning of protest convoys in the U.S.](#)
- **Media reports** Freedom-convoy-inspired protests in France and Belgium.
- <https://www.dw.com/en/france-freedom-convoy-copies-canada-trucker-protests/a-60720312> **Protesters in France began on Wednesday what they are calling the "freedom convoy," with the ultimate goal of converging around Paris and Brussels, to demand an end to COVID-19 restrictions.**
- <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/2/10/move-on-new-zealand-police-break-up-wellington-trucker-protest> **Inspired by the trucker demonstrations in Canada, protesters began blocking streets in the capital with trucks, cars and motorbikes on Tuesday, pitching their tents outside parliament. The activity is likely to continue for several days.**

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